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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Peter A. Ahl, DOB: 7/12/63, of Eagle River, Wisconsin, was charged today in a two-count Information with filing false tax returns for the years 1999 and 2000. On each charge, Ahl faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

During the time period covered by the Information, Ahl owned and operated the Main Pub located at 118 South Main Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin. As alleged in the information, Ahl under reported the gross receipts of the Main Pub and also under reported the total employee wages subject to withholding. This was accomplished by keeping a second set of business records and by paying his employees in cash.

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that the filing of the charges today against Peter Ahl were the result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division; the Eagle River Police Department; and the Vilas County Sheriff's Department. Prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is

presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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